



## Prelims Practice Questions 27-03-2018

01. Consider the following statements.

1. Brazzaville declaration is related to peatland protection.
2. The declaration was signed on the sidelines of Global Peatlands Initiative.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : c

The Brazzaville declaration was signed to promote better management and conservation world's largest tropical peatlands-Cuvette Centrale region in Congo Basin from unregulated land use and prevent its drainage and degradation. Brazzaville is the capital of Democratic Republic of Congo.

The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), the Republic of Congo and Indonesia have jointly signed the Brazzaville declaration that promotes better management and conservation of this globally important carbon store.

Peatlands are wetlands that contain a mixture of decomposed organic material, partially submerged in a layer of water, lacking oxygen.

The Global Peatlands Initiative is an effort by leading experts and institutions to save peatlands as the world's largest terrestrial organic carbon stock and to prevent it being emitted into the atmosphere.

02. Consider the following statements.

1. Lalit Kala Academy is also known as National Academy of Arts.
2. It is an autonomous organisation.
3. It was established in 1954 to promote and propagate understanding of Indian art only within the country.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 only

- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 2 only
- d. 1, 2, 3

Answer : a

The Lalit Kala Akademi was inaugurated in New Delhi on August 5th, 1954, by the then Minister for Education, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. The youngest of the three Akademies founded by the Government of India, the Lalit Kala Akademi was established in pursuance of the dream of the first Prime Minister of independent India, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru for a cultural and national identity. The academy promotes Indian arts both within India and outside India.

03. Consider the following statements.

1. Earth Hour is organised by United Nations.
2. It aims at encouraging people to turn off their non-essential equipments to promote conservation and sustainable energy.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : b



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Earth Hour is an annual event being observed on March 24 from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. It is organised by World Wide Fund for Nature. With Earth Hour, the WWF aims to engage people across the globe to adopt more sustainable lifestyle.

04. Consider the followings statements.

1. Under the Foreigners (Protected Areas) Order, 1958, all areas falling between the Inner line and the International Border of some states have been declared as protected areas.
2. The protected areas currently include whole of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland and Sikkim, besides parts of Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand and Jammu and Kashmir.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : c

As per the guidelines, a foreign national is not normally allowed to visit a protected or restricted area unless the government is satisfied that there are extra-ordinary reasons to justify his or her visit.

Every foreigner, except a citizen of Bhutan, who desires to enter and stay in a protected or restricted area, is required to obtain a special permit from a competent authority having the power to issue such permits to a foreigner, seeking it.

In cases, where the power to issue such permits has not been delegated to a subordinate authority by the Union government, the application for the special permit has to be referred to the Ministry of Home Affairs for prior approval, at least eight weeks before the date of the expected visit.

In cases of foreign diplomats, including the members of the United Nations and international organisations holding diplomatic or official passports, the special permits to visit such protected or restricted areas are issued by the Ministry of External Affairs.

In cases of the citizens of Afghanistan, China and Pakistan and foreign nationals of Pakistani origin, no permit, however, can be issued without the prior approval of the Union home ministry.

Under the Foreigners (Restricted) Areas Order, 1963, the following areas have been declared as 'Restricted' Areas :-

(i) Andaman & Nicobar Islands - Entire Union Territory

(ii) Sikkim - Part of the State



05. Which of the following digital initiatives are related to e-education?

1. Swayam
2. Swayam Prabha
3. e-TAAL

Select the correct answer from the given codes.

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2, 3

Answer : a

SWAYAM is a programme initiated by Government of India and designed to achieve the three cardinal principles of Education Policy viz., access, equity and quality. The objective of this effort is to take the best teaching learning resources to all, including the most disadvantaged. SWAYAM seeks to bridge the digital divide for students who have hitherto remained untouched by the digital revolution and have not been able to join the mainstream of the knowledge economy.

The SWAYAM PRABHA is a group of 32 DTH channels devoted to telecasting of high-quality educational programmes on 24X7 basis using the GSAT-15 satellite.

e-TAAL : Electronic Transaction Aggregation and Analysis Layer provides real time status on delivery of electronic services

06. Consider the following statements.

1. Residex, is released by National Housing Bank.
2. Base year of the index is 2007.
3. National Housing Bank is the wholly owned subsidiary of RBI and is an apex financial institution for Housing.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2, 3

Answer : d

NHB RESIDEX, India's first official housing price index, was an initiative of the National Housing Bank (NHB), undertaken at the behest of the Government of India, Ministry of Finance. NHB RESIDEX enables the policy makers, banks, housing finance companies, builders, developers, investors, individuals, etc., to track the movement of housing prices across different cities in India on quarterly basis.

National Housing Bank (NHB), a wholly owned subsidiary of Reserve Bank of India (RBI), was set up on 9 July 1988 under the National Housing Bank Act, 1987. NHB is an apex financial institution for housing. NHB has been established with an objective to operate as a principal agency to promote housing finance institutions both at local and regional levels and to provide financial and other support incidental to such institutions and for matters connected therewith.

07. Consider the following statements.

1. Saola is one of the world's rarest large mammals.
2. It is accorded 'critically endangered' category by IUCN.
3. World's first Saola breeding centre is constructed in China.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2, 3

Answer : a

Saolas are found only in the Annamite Mountains of Vietnam and Laos. World's first Saola breeding centre is constructed in Vietnam.

08. Consider the following statements.

1. Falun Gong is a Chinese spiritual practice that combines meditation and qigong exercises with a moral philosophy.
2. It is currently banned in China.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : c

The practice emphasizes morality and the cultivation of virtue, and identifies as a qigong practice of the Buddhist school, though its teachings also incorporate elements drawn from Taoist traditions. Falun Gong was first taught publicly in Northeast China in 1992 by Li Hongzhi.

09. Which one of the following States has put a cap on the maximum weight of the school bag to reduce the burden of education on school kids?

1. Karnataka
2. Maharashtra
3. Telangana
4. Kerala

- a. 1
- b. 2
- c. 3
- d. 4



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Answer : c

Telangana issued strict guidelines to reduce the weight of school bags for children in the State. Schools including aided and un-aided private schools have to follow guidelines.

10. 'Joint Sea 2017' is a naval exercise held in Baltic, was participated by which of the following countries?

1. India-Russia
2. Russia-China
3. US- Japan
4. US- Russia

- a. 1
- b. 2
- c. 3
- d. 4

Answer : b